



**Community  
Legal Centres  
Queensland**

**2024**

**COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES  
QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE  
PROGRAM**



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Day 1 – Tuesday 21 May 2024		
8:15am – 9:00am	<b>Registration, Coffee &amp; Conference Exhibitors</b> – Conference foyer	
Opening plenary session – Room: Roma/Terrace/Wickham		
9:00am – 9:30am	<p><b>Welcome to Country</b> – Shannon Ruska, Tribal Experiences</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks:</b> Community Legal Centres Queensland Management Committee President Amanda Whelan</p> <p><b>Video message</b> from Federal Attorney-General, The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP</p>	
9:30am – 10:30am	<p><b>Truth &amp; Treaty</b> <i>Joshua Creamer, Chair of the Truth-telling and Healing Inquiry</i></p> <p><i>(CPD: 1 points, Professional Skills)</i></p>	
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning tea and conference exhibitors – Conference Foyer	
	Plenary – Room: Roma/Terrace	CLC Workshop – Room: Wickham
11:00am – 12:30pm	<p><b>Have your say in the First Independent Review of the Human Rights Act</b></p> <p><i>Professor Susan Harris Rimmer – Independent Reviewer</i></p> <p>The first independent review of the Human Rights Act 2019 has commenced.</p> <p>Join Sue to discuss how your organisation and clients can participate in the Review.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Substantive Law)</i></p>	<p><b>Community Legal Centres Funding Strategy Workshop*</b></p> <p><i>Roslyn Mono, Director – Community Legal Centres Queensland</i></p> <p>(*CLCQ Members only – space in this session is limited and the content is aimed at CEOs, Directors, CFOs etc)</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Professional Skills)</i></p>
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch and conference exhibitors	
12:45pm – 1:20pm	Lunch & Learn – How to Pro Bono presented by Minter Ellison (Wickham Room)	

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1:30pm-3:00pm	<p><b>Tools and Techniques for effectively working with your board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michelle Cutler, Advisor to Boards and CEOs</li> </ul> <p>A look at how Centre CEOs and the leadership team members can work effectively with their Board to build a highly productive and supportive relationship that enhances a Centre's service delivery and culture.</p> <p>An empowering session with lots of practical tips and advice, discussion and templates.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Professional Skills)</i></p>	<p><b>Guiding Principles for Effective Collaboration with Frontline Agencies: lessons from 20 years delivering outreach legal partnerships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Josephine Allen, Senior Lawyer - LawRight</li> </ul> <p>Reflecting on over 20 years of collaborative legal outreach, this session will discuss what works and what doesn't; reflect on the benefits of embedded multidisciplinary practices; and provide guidance on resolving common concerns of working with and in multidisciplinary agencies.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Professional Skills)</i></p>	<p><b>CLE Collaborations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blurred Borders</li> <li>• Whichway</li> <li>• Prisoners Legal Service</li> </ul> <p>Hear about Community Legal Centres and other Legal Assistance organisations have collaborated to develop and deliver CLE.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Professional Skills)</i></p>
3:00pm-3:30pm	Afternoon tea and conference exhibitors – Conference Foyer		
3:30pm-4:30pm	<p><b>Sector Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rosslyn Monro, Community Legal Centres Queensland</li> <li>- Tim Leach, Community Legal Centres Australia</li> </ul> <p>The Sector Update will share information about the current issues impacting the CLC sector from the perspectives of Community Legal Centres Australia, CLCQ Queensland and DJAG.</p> <p>There will be a focus on the NLAP review; the future of Queensland administration of CLC funding; and CLCQ projects.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1 point, Practice Management &amp; Business Skills)</i></p>	<p><b>Lives Behind the Laws: Impact of Anti-Discrimination Reform through a Lived Experience Lens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aaminah Khan, First Nation's Women's Legal Service</li> <li>- Ren Shike, Minter Ellison</li> </ul> <p>A discussion of amendments to the Anti-Discrimination Act which came into effect on 29 April, focusing on the new/updated protections for transgender, gender-diverse and intersex people, using the amendments to protect and support clients who present to CLCs, creating an inclusive and welcoming service for transgender, gender-diverse and intersex clients and embedding a culture of human rights in the workplace</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1 point, Substantive Law)</i></p>	<p><b>Supporting Diverse Workforces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stacey De Calmer, QCOSS Executive Director Sector Workforce Planning and Development</li> </ul> <p>With sector workforce shortages at crisis point, QCOSS is delivering a program designed to support organisations to re-evaluate their human resources practices to ensure they promote genuinely inclusive hiring processes and workplaces.</p> <p>This session specifically will unpack diversity and inclusion strategies to reveal the aspects that really make them come to life and will outline QCOSS' key learnings in delivering this project to the sector. We will run through some of the practical resources developed through the project, including the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Guide.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1 point, Practice Management &amp; Business Skills)</i></p>
4:30pm – 6:30pm	Networking Event in the Courtyard (downstairs)		

<b>Day 2 – Wednesday, 22 May</b>	
8:15am – 9:00am	<b>Registration, Coffee &amp; Conference Exhibitors</b> – Conference foyer
<b>Plenary Session</b> – Room: Roma/Terrace	
9:00am – 10:30am	<p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> – Waveney Yasso</p> <p><b>Applying First Nations cultural intelligence, knowledge sharing and ways of being &amp; doing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Florence Onus, First Nations Women’s Legal Service</i></li> <li>- <i>Andrea Kyle-Sailor, First Nations Women’s Legal Service</i></li> </ul> <p>The ways that knowledge of cultural traumas, inter-generational trauma and First Nations ways of being and doing impact the work you do, and the capacity of your CLC to work effectively for and with First Nations staff and clients.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 point, Professional Skills)</i></p>
10:30am – 11:00am	Morning tea and conference exhibitors – Conference Foyer
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	Room: Wickham
11:00am – 12:30pm	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>Disaster and Climate Justice Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Bhiamie Williamson, National Indigenous Disaster Resilience Program – Monash University</i></li> <li>- <i>Emma Bacon, Executive Director – Sweltering Cities</i></li> <li>- <i>Revel Pointon, Managing Lawyer Environmental Defenders Office</i></li> </ul> <p>This Panel brings together national leaders in climate and disaster justice to share diverse approaches to building fairer systems in the face of intensifying climate impacts.</p> <p>It is an opportunity for our sector to hear directly from leaders working to achieve fair, just adaptation and disaster resilience for communities across Australia, and their thoughts on how CLCs can advance disaster and climate justice.</p> <p>The session will include speaker presentations, followed by panel and audience Q&amp;A.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Practice Management &amp; Business Skills/Substantive Law)</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><b>CLASS Transition*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Neil Graham, Digital Transformation Manager – Community Legal Centres Australia</i></li> <li>- <i>Skye Forster, Implementation Analyst, Federation of Community Legal Centres (Victoria)</i></li> </ul> <p>(*Only open to CLCQ Members)</p> <p>The CLASS Transition workshop is your chance to hear from Community Legal Centres Australia’s Digital Transformation Manager, Neil Graham and Skye Forster, the Implementation Analyst at the Federation of Community Legal Centres Victoria who will share their insights. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and talk to your CLC colleagues about the transition from CLASS.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Practice Management &amp; Business Skills)</i></p> </div> </div>
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch and conference exhibitors
12:45pm- 1:20pm	<b>CLCQ First Nations Employee Network gathering</b> – Wickham Room

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1:30pm – 3:00pm	<p><b>Stakeholder and Government relationships workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commissioner Terri Butler, Former Federal MP and now Industrial Commissioner at QIRC</li> <li>- Evan Moorhead, Former State MP and now Director at Anacta Strategies</li> <li>- Daniel Scoullar, Director – Social Change Projects</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by Rachel Healy, you will hear insights into developing and maintaining stakeholder and government relationships from our panel of experts before putting these ideas into practice.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Practice Management and Business Skills/Professional Skills)</i></p>	<p><b>Working with Users of Violence - Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presented by Caxton Community Legal Centre</li> </ul> <p>Caxton's <i>Working with Users of Violence Workshop</i> is an interactive session designed to unpack the "how, why and who" of providing meaningful and effective legal and social supports to users of violence. Focus areas for the workshop include capability of individuals, organisations and the CLC sector, as well as both identifying and overcoming the challenges that this work is characterised by.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Substantive Law)</i></p>	<p><b>Creating Cultural Safety in the Workplace</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sammy Cooper – Community Legal Centres Queensland</li> </ul> <p>This session is dedicated to fostering a culturally safe and supportive workplaces- explore practical strategies for creating an environment where First Nations employees feel respected, valued, and empowered. This session offers invaluable insights to help you champion positive change.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1.5 points, Practice Management &amp; Business Skills/Professional Skills)</i></p>
3:00pm- 3:30pm	Afternoon tea and conference exhibitors – Conference Foyer		
3:30pm – 4:30pm	<p><b>Incorporating law students in community legal practice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UQ Pro Bono Centre</li> </ul> <p>The UQ Pro Bono Centre coordinates the pro bono activities of the UQ Law School, and draws on staff and students from other disciplines to provide multidisciplinary support to the CLC sector and beyond.</p> <p>The Centre's Director and Practitioner-in-Residence will discuss the Centre's scope and services, including the new RRR clinical program. Delegates will be invited to discuss the role of student clinics in building the capacity of the CLC sector, and to reflect on whether students bring burdens, benefits or both.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1 point, Professional Skills)</i></p>	<p><b>PII Session – Supervising your legal practice*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CLCQ PII Reps: Rachel Neil, Ben Tuckett and Klaire Coles</li> </ul> <p>(*Restricted to Responsible Persons from Queensland CLCs or their delegate)</p> <p>"Supervising your legal practice" – will be an interactive session on supervision in legal practices, discussing:</p> <p>What are the requirements for adequate supervision?</p> <p>How to structure your practice to ensure the best supervision</p> <p>Supervising restricted practitioners</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1 point, Practical Legal Ethics)</i></p>	<p><b>CLCs and Disaster Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monica Taylor, Project Officer, Community Legal Centres Queensland</li> </ul> <p>CLCQ will lead a session on deepening our sector's disaster and climate resilience. It will include a recap on CLC achievements under the 2023/4 Disaster Resilience and Capacity Building Project.</p> <p><i>(CPD: 1 point, Practice Management and Business Skills)</i></p>
4:30pm	<b>Conference closes</b>		

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